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FOIA/Privacy Act Officer
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request

To Whom It May Concern:

This is a request, on behalf of our client Phil North, pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5. U.S.C. 522, as amended, for all documents provided by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Oversight and Government Reform as part of its investigation into the EPA's consideration and actions related to preliminary permitting for the Pebble Project. The term "documents" is meant to include, but is not limited to any and all Agency communications from, to, or about Phil North, including all emails, letters notices, memoranda, environmental assessments, Power Point presentations, reports, memos to the file, any transcripts or statements, notes, press releases, or other writings or recordings.

This request includes any materials that have been provided to the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Oversight and Government Reform by the EPA as part of the ongoing Congressional Inquiry and investigation.

If any records are covered by this request have been deleted, destroyed and/or removed, please provide all surrounding records, including but not limited to a list of all records which have been deleted, destroyed and/or removed, a description of the actions taken, and those relevant to or generated in connection with implementing the actions.

For any documents or portions of documents that you deny due to a specific FOIA exemption,

please provide an index itemizing and describing the documents or portions of documents withheld. The index should provide a detailed justification of your grounds for claiming each exemption, explaining why each exemption is relevant to the document or portion of the document withheld. This index is required under Vaughn v. Rosen (I), 484 F.2d 820 (D.C. Cir. 1973), cert.denied, 415 U.S. 977 (1974). To the extent the Agency considers any material exempted by one of the FOIA exemptions, such as Exemption 7 relating to an ongoing law enforcement investigation, or Exemption 5 pre-decisional inter-agency material, please consider this a request to identify and preserve all documents that currently fall under those exemptions.

We request that any fees related to this request be waived due to the fact that the disclosure of the requested information is in the public interest because it is likely to contribute significantly to the public's understanding of the EPA's investigation of the Pebble Project, as well as the Committee on Oversight's investigation into this matter. This information is not requested in the commercial interest of the requester. If the requested fee waiver is not granted we agree to pay any reasonable fees associated with processing this request.

Thank you for your attention to this request. We anticipate a complete or partial response to this request within 20 working days, as required by the FOIA.

Sincerely

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